

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for a computer processor to provide automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems comprising the steps of:

assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;

assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;

mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix; and

automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning a value based on the size of the server system.

3. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning a value based on the number of CPUs in said server system.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning the value based on published standards for each server.

5. (original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising calculating a capacity value from at least one previously-assigned capacity value.

6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said assigning of a usage category is based on the server application to be executed at each of said plurality of servers.

7. (original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising ascertaining at least one service support level for said computer services.

8. (original) The method of Claim 7 further comprising mapping each of said at least one service support level into said matrix.

9. (original) The method of Claim 8 further comprising assigning costs for each of said at least one support level in said matrix.

10-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A system for providing automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems comprising:

assignment component for assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;

a usage assignment component for assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;

processor component for mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix; and

cost processing component for automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix.

16. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for a computer processor to provide automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems said method steps comprising:

assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;

assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;

mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix; and

automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix.

17. (new) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps, for a specific request for server-based computer services, of:

determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying said request; and

automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type and required capacity.

18. (new) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the steps, for a specific request for server-based computer services, of:

determining the required usage type, required capacity, and required support level for satisfying said request; and

automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type, required capacity, and required support level.

19. (new) The system of Claim 15 further comprising a request handling component for determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying a received request for server-based computer services, and wherein said cost processing component automatically determines charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type and required capacity.

20. (new) The system of Claim 19 wherein said request handling component additionally determines requested support level and wherein said cost processing component automatically determines charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type, required capacity, and requested support level.

21. (new) The program storage device of Claim 16 wherein said method further comprises the steps, for a specific request for server-based computer services, of:

determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying said request; and

automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services

from said matrix based on said required usage type and required capacity.